



# ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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guided by the light of Christ

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's newsletter has a lot of information in it about upcoming events in school as well as various health and safety matters. Please do take the time to read it through in detail.

I would particularly like to draw your attention to two volunteering call-outs. The first is for us here in school – you will see more detail about the kind of help we need in the body of the newsletter below. The second is for a new Chair of the PTFA. Sophie Kidd has done an amazing job for the last three years and needs someone to replace her from November. I would like to reinforce that, without a Chair, the PTFA as a charity cannot function as this position must be filled.

We have already had a report of a case of nits in year 1. Could I encourage everyone to tie up hair for children who have long hair and also to keep checking hair for signs of nits.

Please could I remind all our parents and carers to take extreme care when driving near the school premises. We had a worrying incident earlier this week where a child came close to a moving car which was driving near the church.

Best wishes,

Headteacher

**Events week commencing:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (MENU no: 2)

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| <b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup>:</b>  | <b>Italian club starts this week on Mondays and Tuesdays after school</b> |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> :      | Parent information meetings year 1 @ 3.30 and year 2 @ 4pm                |
| <b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup>:</b> | <b>Parent information meetings year 3 @ 3.30 and year 4 @ 4pm</b>         |
| Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> :     | Parent information meetings year 5 @ 3.30 and year 6 @ 4pm                |

**Events week commencing:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (MENU no: 3)

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>: Parents' evening (except 5P)

## Respecting our school grounds

Please could we respectfully ask that children do not use the grass banks in the staff car park to run or play on. The car park is used by vehicles throughout the day making deliveries and needs to be treated like a road in terms of safety.

Could we also ask that, if your child needs the toilet whilst waiting to enter school at any time, please bring them to the office and we can let you through to the toilets. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Parent information sessions

These sessions will take place next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as per the timings noted in the calendar section above. Sessions are half an hour and will take place in classrooms.

### Flu vaccinations: Reception – Year 4 inclusive

This year the NHS is offering flu vaccinations for children in Reception, year 1, year 2, year 3 and year 4 to be done here in school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. These will be delivered via Boots.

If you would like your child(ren) to receive this nasal vaccination (which is optional), please return the form which will be coming home with a letter tonight. These forms need to be returned to the school office by **Friday 22nd September** at the latest please. After this date we cannot accept reservations and Boots have advised that you will need to attend one of their clinics elsewhere in the city to take advantage of this service.

### Multi sport club for Y1 and Y2

This is a new club for Y1 and Y2 children on a Wednesday after school from 3.15pm – 4.30pm.

Premier Sport will be running this club for a nominal fee of £2. Please fill out a club slip with payment if you would like your child to take part and hand in to the school office / drop box.

### Drama Club

Please note that this club is now FULL.



### Your school needs you!

As you will be aware, budgeting constraints are affecting many schools in our country, including ours. We would therefore really appreciate any voluntary help that parents and carers might be able to offer us.

We would particularly appreciate help in the following areas, but if you would like to offer other skills or time, please do let us know.

- Reading buddies (this can be from as little as 30 minutes per week)
- Support supervising games on the playground at lunchtime
- Gardening club
- Support in class.

Previous experience of working in school is not necessary – where training is needed, we can provide it.

### Kilve information evening

Parents of children in year 5 who will be going on the Kilve trip, please note that there will be an information meeting on Thursday 19th October at 3.30pm. There will be childcare provided by two members of staff so that parents with younger children can also attend.



## Italian Club

Italian Club will restart next week. Years 1,2 and 3 will be on Tuesday afternoons and years 4, 5 and 6 will be on Mondays. Lessons will be held in St Francis Room.

The club will run from 3.15 until 4.15pm. Please collect your child from the school office where Mrs Maniglia will dismiss them. If you want to contact Mrs Maniglia about lessons, please email [m.maniglia76@gmail.com](mailto:m.maniglia76@gmail.com) or call on 07900 842621.

## Parents of children in Year 6

If your child is now in Year 6, you will need to apply for secondary school by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. The way to do this is online – visit [www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions)

If you are applying to St Bede's please be aware that they have their own supplementary form which also needs to be submitted direct to St Bede's. The deadline for this is also 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please see their website for more details.

There is an open evening at St Bede's on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September between 6.30pm and 8.30pm.



## Cake sales

Please note that the dates for year group cake sales have now been put onto the school calendar on our website [www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk](http://www.st-bonaventures.bristol.sch.uk)

## Reading volunteers

We would love to add to our group of reading volunteers this year. Training is provided. If this is something you would be willing to consider, please do let the office know as soon as possible.

## NEW PLAYERS NEEDED - women's netball @ St Bon's Tuesdays 9-10am

We have been running a Back to Netball session for women at St Bon's for the last few years and would love for it to continue but we need to recruit new players. Whether you have played netball before or haven't played since school, it really doesn't matter! Our aim is to have fun and do a bit of exercise - all for just £1 per session. All you need to do is meet us in the playground after drop off on a Tuesday morning (starting this Tuesday 19th September) in trainers and suitable clothing for a run around. Bring a drink, bring a friend, come along and see if you like it. We'd love to see you!

## Swimming after a bout of sickness and / or diarrhoea

We have received a letter from Horfield Pool saying that, due to having so many children either vomiting or defecating in the pool last year, they will be passing on the cost of cleaning or closure of the pool to organisations such as ours which use it.

Horfield have recommended that we do not allow children to swim who have been unwell in the past 48 hours or who complain of feeling unwell in school.  
Please be aware that we will be abiding by this recommendation.

### **The PTFA needs a new chair**

After three years as chair of a very strong and friendly school PTFA, I will be stepping down in November.

There are already committee groups and leaders set up for many of the annual events, so the role would mainly be admin, delegation and overview. We also have a treasurer, cashier and secretary already in place.

With these positions/committees already in place it doesn't require an enormous amount of time but we do need a chair to fulfil our legal charity status - without a chair there can be no Christmas or summer fairs, discos, socials and most importantly no funds to provide essential facilities for your children.

Please, please volunteer - it would be very sad if our school and children could no longer benefit from our amazing events and funding.

Of course no-one would be left in the lurch and I and the rest of the PTFA would help with the understanding of the role and answer any queries.

Please contact me at [Sophie.kidd3007@gmail.com](mailto:Sophie.kidd3007@gmail.com) if you are interested and would like to volunteer and/or know more.

Many thanks, Sophie Kidd

### **SPORTS – please see the clubs section below as well**

**Team Football:** football practice will take place on Wednesday after school.

#### **Swimming**

The swimming time trials to pick the new swimming team will be held at the Dolphin Pool in Filton on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 3.30pm. Letters about this have been sent home. We need as many adults as possible to help so please sign up for a job. The trials are open to all KS2 swimmers (all swimmers should be able to swim 50m). Please see Mrs McGrath if you have any questions.

#### **PE kit**

Please note the school PE kit is a white round neck T-shirt (no collar) and BLUE shorts. (Long legged track suit bottoms are only allowed in terms 2 and 3). Trainers or daps/plimsolls are also needed.

#### **Parental help with sports clubs**

Some sports clubs will be run by St Bon's staff and will be free and others are run by outside professionals, there will be a small charge for these clubs. If any parents would be interested in helping with any of the sports clubs or running a club please do let Mrs McGrath know.

#### **Yoga**

This will resume on Monday 18th September in the school hall 7.50 – 8.30am. If you would like to attend this class please email Mrs McGrath for a letter - [kate.mcgrath@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:kate.mcgrath@bristol-schools.uk) It is for KS2 only – children need to be accompanied by an adult.

**Running/walking club**

This will resume on Wednesday mornings at 7.50am. This club is free and open to all parents, carers and children. Please turn up at school in running clothes (bring school uniform in a bag). All are welcome and any ability is catered for.

**Rugby**

We are hoping to start a new tag rugby club on Thursdays after school 3.15 – 4.15pm. All those who are interested need to fill in a club slip and return it to the drop box. The start date for this is not confirmed yet.

**Multisport club for Y1 and Y2**

This is a new club for Y1 and Y2 children on a Wednesday after school from 3.15pm – 4.30pm. Premier Sport will be running this club for a nominal fee. Please fill out a club slip if you would like your child to take part.

**Sport clubs for our parents.**

We are hoping to get all the parents /carers of our school just as fit as the children. There are early morning sports clubs available on most mornings on the school premises:

Monday – Yoga (child year 3 and above and parent)

Tuesday – Netball (ladies only)

Wednesday – Running/walking club – all are welcome

Wednesday - Fit Triton, a boot-camp style class for adults run by Premier Sport. 8.50 - 9.40pm. Premier Sport will be charging a small fee for this.

Thursday – Circuits – all are welcome

## COMMUNITY SECTION

- Help sought to look after a St Bon's year 4 child one day a week after school, including pick up from school and take home (Westbury on Trym) and look after until return from work. Hours to be discussed and agreed.

Please contact Yvonne Griffiths on [yvonne.griffiths484@gmail.com](mailto:yvonne.griffiths484@gmail.com) for more information.

- Do you, or does someone you know, need support following a relationship breakdown?

Over the past 12 years Aquila Bristol has helped many people learn to cope and rebuild their lives following separation or divorce. Our next 7-week self-help course starts on Monday 25th September in Cotham, Bristol. The course is facilitated by a group of trained men and women who have all experienced broken relationships or divorce.

If you would like to know more please call Gill on 07807 058479, email [bristol@hope-after-heartbreak.co.uk](mailto:bristol@hope-after-heartbreak.co.uk) or visit [www.hope-after-heartbreak.co.uk](http://www.hope-after-heartbreak.co.uk) / [www.facebook.com/hopeafterheartbreak](https://www.facebook.com/hopeafterheartbreak)

- Travel back in time this Autumn with Monkey Trousers Theatre.

### **Mr Gotalot's Gotalot Shop: The Crystal Cheese**

The Timemaster has hidden Mr Gotalot's magical shop somewhere in time and space! Join Ms Barnet and Sidney the shop boy as they battle their way through history to bring Mr Gotalot - Back to the Future! A time travel adventure for the whole family. Tickets now on sale!

Sundays 24th September and 1st October 2017

10.30am, 1.00pm and 3.30pm

Kelvin Players Studio Theatre, Gloucester Road, BS7 8NY.

Tickets £7 each, £25 family of four, under 3s free, (booking fees apply).

Buy online at [www.monkeytrouserstheatre.com](http://www.monkeytrouserstheatre.com)

- After-school piano tuition

Piano teacher, Patrick Hammerman, has after school vacancies available for the new term. With over twenty years' experience of teaching in the local area, Patrick can offer 1:1 lessons for complete beginners to more advanced learners including ABRSM grade level exam entries. All styles covered from jazz improvisation and blues to classical and theory. The emphasis is on the enjoyment of music! If you'd like to come along for an introductory lesson and find out more please contact 0117 904 8648.

- French Club is now on Mondays AND Tuesdays! Come and learn French through games, songs and silliness. Classes are designed for Reception children up to year 6 and beyond... For more details, visit: [www.frenchclubbristol.com](http://www.frenchclubbristol.com) or email [alice\\_m\\_watson@msn.com](mailto:alice_m_watson@msn.com). Starting 11th and 12th September.

# ST BONAVENTURE'S SCHOOL SPORTS & CLUBS

Please check the school website or your email for news of club cancellations. Alternatively, please ring the school on the day.

## After school activities

### YEARS 1 and 2

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| <b>DANCE CLUB Rise:</b> Fridays KS1 3.30-4.30pm  | Fridays Rec – Yr 2         |
| <b>FOOTBALL Premier Sport:</b> Mondays Years 1 and 2: 3.30-4.30pm<br>To book please visit <a href="http://www.premiersport.org">www.premiersport.org</a> or call Lee on 07917 18 7771.           | Mondays<br>Yrs 1-2         |
| <b>ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia:</b> Held in St Francis Room. Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm – children are collected from their classrooms by Maria. For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621. | Tuesdays<br>Yrs 1, 2 and 3 |

### YEARS 3-6

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| <b>CLUB FOOTBALL Mr Morgan:</b> This club is for Years 5 and 6.  | Wednesdays<br>Yrs 5 and 6                   |
| <b>DANCE CLUB Rise:</b> Wednesdays KS2 3.30-4.30pm   | Wednesdays<br>Yrs 3-6                       |
| <b>DRAMA Mrs McGrath:</b> Mondays 3.30-4.30pm<br>This club is now FULL.  | Mondays<br>Yrs 3-6                          |
| <b>FOOTBALL Premier Sport:</b> Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm<br>To book please visit <a href="http://www.premiersport.org">www.premiersport.org</a> or call Lee on 07917 18 7771.                                   | Tuesdays<br>Yrs 3-6                         |
| <b>GYMNASTICS Bristol School of Gymnastics:</b> Yr 4 Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm Yr 5 and 6 Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm<br><br>Please contact Vicky Ashworth at BSG on 942 9620 for further information.                | Tuesdays Yr 3<br>Thursdays Yr 4             |
| <b>HOCKEY TBC:</b> We are hoping to run another Hockey club this year but we are currently without a coach. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for updates. Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm.                       | Fridays<br>TBC                              |
| <b>ITALIAN CLUB Maria Maniglia:</b> Held in St Francis Room For years 4, 5 and 6 - Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm - children walk from their classrooms.<br>For more info please contact Maria on 07900 842621.     | Mondays                                     |
| <b>KNITTING CLUB Mrs Andrews &amp; Mrs Fox:</b> Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm in 3W classroom.<br>Please fill out a club permission slip if your child would like to rejoin or start this club.                   | Tuesdays – will start 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept |
| <b>JAGUAR MATHS CLUB Mrs Parry and Mr Harrison:</b> This will start in term 2. Day to be confirmed.  | From TERM 2                                 |
| <b>NETBALL Mrs McGrath:</b> Tuesdays after school 3.15-4.15pm for Years 5 and 6. Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm for Years 3 and 4. Squad players will be invited to early morning training on Tuesdays at 8.00am. | Tuesdays<br>Yr 5-6 &<br>Thursdays<br>Yr 3-4 |
| <b>RUGBY CLUB TBC:</b> Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm. Please complete a club permission slip if you are interested in your child joining this club. This will be an expression of interest only at this stage.   | Thursdays                                   |

## EARLY MORNING CLUBS

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| <b>CIRCUITS CLUB</b> <b>Ms Wynn:</b> Thursdays at 7.50am. Circuit training in the Hall for fitness. All abilities welcome including parents. See Mrs McGrath for more information | Thursdays<br>7.50am<br>Yr 3-6 |
| <b>NETBALL FOR WOMEN:</b> Tuesdays at 9.10am. All abilities welcome. £1 charge.   | Tuesdays<br>9.10am            |
| <b>RUNNING CLUB</b> <b>Mrs McGrath:</b> Wednesdays at 7.50am. All abilities welcome including parents.  | Wednesdays<br>7.50am          |
| <b>YOGA CLUB</b> <b>Ms Sus:</b> Mondays at 7.50-8.30am in the Hall. All abilities welcome including parents.  | Mondays<br>7.50am<br>Yrs 3-6  |

## LUNCH TIME CLUBS

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| <b>BIBLE DISCOVERY</b> <b>Miss Haime / Mrs Woolley:</b> For years 4-6 - Monday lunchtimes 12.30-1.15 in 2WR classroom. We do lots of creative activities based around prayer, scripture and reflection.  | Mondays<br>Yr 4-6                           |
| <b>CHOIR</b> <b>Miss Tudhope:</b> For years 1-6 - Tuesday lunchtimes 12.15 - 12.45 in 2T classroom. New members welcome!   | Tuesdays<br>Yr 1-6                          |
| <b>STORY TIME CLUB</b> <b>Mrs Widdowson:</b> Wednesdays 12.45pm <b>RECEPTION children only</b> Mrs Widdowson leads story-telling and singing for our Reception classes. If your child would like to take part, please speak to their class teacher.  | Wednesdays<br>from TERM 2<br>Reception only |
| <b>CHAPLAINCY</b> <b>Mrs Ballantine:</b> For years 5-6 – Thursday lunchtimes weekly 12.15 - 12.45pm.   | Thursdays<br>Yr 5-6                         |
| <b>DEBATING CLUB</b> <b>Mrs Addleman:</b> <b>DEBATING CLUB</b> <b>Mrs Addleman:</b> For years 5 and 6 - <b>Thursdays 1.15 – 1.50pm.</b><br>Children do not need to sign a form – just come along. It takes place in 4SA's classroom.<br>Children should bring a packed lunch to eat during the club. If they have school dinners, they can still attend, but will need to leave slightly earlier. We debate issues relating to both school life and the wider world in an age appropriate and relevant way. The club will start on Thursday 14th September – please come along to find out more! | Thursdays<br>Yr 5-6                         |
| <b>ORCHESTRA</b> <b>TBC</b> Fridays 12.30pm.<br>We are currently trying to find a teacher or parent to take on the running of orchestra. Please keep an eye on this section of the newsletter for updates.   | TBC   |

## PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please note that the school accepts no responsibility for any private arrangements that parents make with external after school activities. If you have made arrangements for any other agency to collect your child from school you should inform your child's class teacher so that they know who your child is going home with.